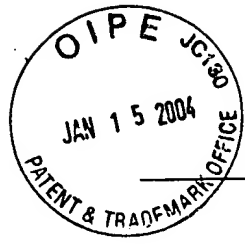


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Harvey Dale DeFord et al.  
Application Number: 09/973,844  
Filing Date: October 9, 2001  
Title: COMPOSITE BUILDING MATERIAL  
Examiner Name: Kevin McDermott  
Group Art Unit: 3635

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

- ☐ Previously submitted:
  - ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
  - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .
- ☒ Enclosed:
  - ☒ Amendment/Reply
  - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - ☒ Return Postcard

2. Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

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3. Fees:

(X) RCE fee (\$385 small entity/\$770 large entity)

() Fee for suspension (\$130)

() Extension of Time fee:

() One Month (\$55/\$110)

() Two Month (\$210/\$420)

() Three Month (\$475/\$950)

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
RCE Fee				\$770
Total Claims	30 - 54 = 0	1202 (\$18)	0 x 18 =	\$0
Independent Claims	4 - 3 = 1	1201 (\$86)	1 x 86 =	\$86
Multiple Claim		1203 (\$290)		\$0
			<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>	<b>\$856</b>

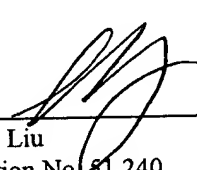
4. Payment:

(X) Check in the amount of \$856 to cover the above fees.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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Dated: 11/21/2003

  
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